ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

CRF receptor antagonists are disclosed which have utility in the treatment of a variety of disorders, including the treatment of disorders manifesting hypersecretion of CRF in a warm-blooded animals, such as stroke. The CRF receptor antagonists of this invention have the following structure:

$$R_1$$
 R_2
 N
 N
 X
 Ar
 Ar
 Het

including stereoisomers, prodrugs and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , Y, Ar, and Het are as defined herein. Compositions containing a CRF receptor antagonist in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier are also disclosed, as well as methods for use of the same.